



Thin Lizzy drummer, Brian Downey, and  
**ALIVE AND DANGEROUS** perform Thin Lizzy's  
"Live And Dangerous" in its entirety!!

**"LIVE AND DANGEROUS"**

**AT THE UNDERWORLD CAMDEN ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

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Due to popular demand **Brian Downey's ALIVE AND DANGEROUS** will return the **Camden Underworld** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Tickets are on sale now via the venue.

**Brian Downey's ALIVE AND DANGEROUS** features **Brian Grace** (best known as the guitarist for the Commitments' Andrew Strong), plus former Low Rider band members **Matt Wilson** (lead vocals, bass), and **Phil Edgar** (lead guitar).

When Thin Lizzy's reunion wrapped in 2013, Downey declined the offer of joining Black Star Riders, and decided to take a year off. In 2013, he met guitarist Brian Grace and discussed various aspects of music, and which direction he wanted to take his music next.

Says Brian, "After the Thin Lizzy reunion shows finished in 2013, I was asked to join what turned out to be Black Star Riders, but it just didn't feel right for me."

Continues Brian, "In January 2016, following an appearance at the [Vibe for Philo](#) in Dublin, I approached **Brian Grace** and that's when we discussed getting a band together. After a few rehearsals, Brian suggested that we rehearse with **Matt Wilson** (lead vocals, bass) and **Phil Edgar** (guitar), both of whom had been in a band called The Low Riders (their name was

taken from a lyric from the Thin Lizzy song *Johnny The Fox*)."

"In January 2017, we jammed together at the [Vibe for Philo](#), and it went so well, that we decided to form **Brian Downey's ALIVE AND DANGEROUS** and made it a full time proposition."

2018 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thin Lizzy's **Live and Dangerous** album. Although the album was recorded live in 1977 at London's Hammersmith Apollo and Toronto's Seneca College, it wasn't officially released until a year later in 1978.

"I got hooked on Thin Lizzy's music at the age of twelve," says Brian Grace. "I'm a huge fan of those songs. It's such a dream to be playing with the best drummer in the world! The musicians in the band love and respect the Lizzy sound that we really try and recreate it true to the original sound. We can't wait to tour the UK in September and October. We're ready and on top of our game."

Brian Downey's early musical influences came from his father who played in a local pipe band in Dublin. His 60's heroes included The Kinks, The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Downey met friend, co-founder and bass guitarist Philip Lynott, who attended the same school. Before forming Thin Lizzy, Downey had been in numerous school bands including The Liffey Beats, Mod Con Cave Dwellers, and briefly The Black Eagles (with Lynott). He went on to perform in a local band, Sugar Shack, and in 1969, he was eventually persuaded by Lynott to join him in the band, Orphanage.

Orphanage included Brian Downey (drums), Joe Staunton (guitar), Pat Quigley and a guest member Terry Woods. Orphanage didn't last too long, and towards the end of 1969 the guys were approached by Eric Bell and formed Thin Lizzy. Brian Downey and Phil Lynott were the only full-time members of Thin Lizzy until they disbanded in 1983.



Live photos courtesy of Laurence Harvey

### **Brian Grace - Lead guitar, backing vocals**

Brian is a well-known musician in Ireland and has a career spanning almost 30 years. He first played with the legendary Brush Shiels (Skid Row) in the '80's, and then played and recorded worldwide with Rob Strong, Andrew Strong (The Commitments) and Juliet Turner. Brian was musical director on the famous Vibe for Philo in Dublin and was a major contributor every year since 1986. He is widely regarded as one of Ireland's finest guitarists and would give any players out there, past and present, a serious run for their money.

### **Phil Edgar - Lead guitar, backing vocals**

Phil hails from Lisburn near Belfast in Northern Ireland and was born to play rock 'n' roll. His early career saw him play with local bands and was heavily influenced by the music of Thin Lizzy, The Eagles and Peter Green. More recently Phil has had major exposure with Matt Wilson in The Sensational Northern Irish band, El Dude

Brothers. Phil's reputation as a young tear-away guitarist gives ALIVE AND DANGEROUS a sparkling injection of passion, style and flair.

### **Matt Wilson - Bass guitar, lead vocals**

Matt is a Belfast based musician and vocalist with a fervent love of blues, rock and soul. Starting off at an early age as a boy soprano, his teenage years saw him flirting with various bands, playing standards from Jimi Hendrix, Bill Withers and Funkadelic, leading him to become one of Northern Ireland's most sought-after radio jingle and corporate vocalists. The influence of Thin Lizzy's music and in particular, Phil Lynott's vocal and writing style, makes him the perfect frontman for ALIVE AND DANGEROUS.

### **Brian Downey - Drums**

Dublin-born, Brian first tasted success in Ireland with the top 20 hit 'Morning Dew' before forming Orphanage with Phil Lynott. The two went on to form the legendary Thin Lizzy with Eric Bell and Brian remained a constant member until the band split in 1983. Brian worked on Phil Lynott's solo albums and the subsequent Grand Slam project. He moved back to Dublin around the time of Phil's untimely death on January 4<sup>th</sup> 1986. Brian remained in constant demand as both a touring and session drummer and regularly played concerts and recorded with guitarist Gary Moore. Often cited as being an influence by many of the world's top drummers, Brian feels invigorated to be playing the songs he co-wrote in Thin Lizzy, with his new band ALIVE AND DANGEROUS.



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